

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-27 and 29-62 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows (all of the claims, whether or not amended are provided below for the convenience of the Examiner):

28. (Amended) A method for inhibiting an interaction of a B lymphocyte antigen, B7-2, with its natural [ligand(s)] ligand on the surface of an immune [cells] cell, comprising contacting the [an] immune cell with [a B7-2 fusion protein] an agent which inhibits B7-2 binding with its natural [ligand(s)] ligand to thereby inhibit [costimulation of the immune] interaction of B7-2 with its natural ligand on the immune cell [through the B7-2-ligand interaction].

Please add the following new claims:

--65. The method of claim 28, wherein the agent is a soluble form of B7-2.

66. The method of claim 28, wherein the agent is an antibody that recognizes B7-2

67. The method of claim 28, further comprising administering to the subject an agent that blocks the interaction of B7-1 with its natural ligand.

68. The method of claim 28, further comprising administering to the subject an immunomodulating agent selected from the group consisting of: an antibody reactive